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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF )  
Serge Hoste et al. ) Examiner:  
SERIAL NO.: To Be Assigned ) Group Art Unit No.  
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FOR: Method and Apparatus for Spraying to Form )  
A Thick Coating )

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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION

Honorable Director of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This application is the national filing of International Application No. PCT/EP99/03599. Appended hereto is a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report, having the claims appended thereto as they currently appear in the international application. Before calculation of the application filing fee, it is requested that the application be amended as follows:

In the Claims

Cancel claims 1 - 17 without prejudice, and substitute new claims 18 - 42 as follows:

18. A composite comprising: a substrate and a coating deposited on said substrate, the coating being deposited by flame or plasma spraying at atmospheric pressure, the thickness of the coating being at least 5 mm, the coating comprising metal oxides and the

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